



# MANATABA MESSENGER

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## Final votes may come soon on La Paz Lands

### Senate, House set to consider vote; CRIT members lobby in Washington

After years of work, final votes may be near in the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate on the return of the 16,000-acre La Paz Lands to CRIT.

A delegation from CRIT including Tribal Councilmembers Sylvia Homer, Ray Aspa and Valerie Welsh-Tahbo travelled to Washington in

late February to meet with key congressional staff members and Congressmen.

They met with members of the Indian Affairs Committee and their staffers, as well as Congressman Raul Grijalva and Senator Jon Kyl from Arizona's congressional delegation.

Legislation to return the La Paz Lands to CRIT was introduced in the Senate in early March, and passed through the Senate Indian Affairs Committee to the floor of the Senate.

The bill was also reintroduced in the House of Representatives, where it passed last year but had to be reintroduced for technical reasons. As of press time, the House version was being considered by the House Resources Committee.

While the legislative process can be unpredictable, CRIT lobbyists are optimistic about the bill's chances in both the House and

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## Blythe residents react positively to casino proposal

Discussions and negotiations continue on a proposed new CRIT casino in or near the community of Blythe, California.

The casino proposal has met with a positive reaction from members of the Blythe community during public meetings and interactions between residents and Tribal officials.

The location being considered is a city-owned parcel just off of Intake Boulevard and I-10.

A study conducted by Ernst & Young late last year made it clear that the project could generate important new resources for CRIT and create jobs and revenues locally for Blythe.

Additionally, several of Blythe's business and civic leaders have stepped up to support the project, including Blythe's former Chief of Police, Bob Grady, who has agreed to assist the efforts.

"We have developed a very good and respectful dialogue with Mayor Crain, the City Council and City Manager Nelson," said Tribal Chairman Daniel Eddy, Jr.

If negotiations evolve, an agreement could be before the Tribal Council and Blythe City Council

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## CRIT launches new Tribal web site



*Content for the CRIT Tribal web site, located at [www.critonline.com](http://www.critonline.com), will be updated on a regular basis.*

The Colorado River Indian Tribes have launched a comprehensive web site to provide information to Tribal members, tourists and those interested in doing business with the Tribes. It is the latest in a string of tribal initiatives to improve communications as well as the life of members.

The web site is currently located at [www.critonline.com](http://www.critonline.com). The Tribes will also be adding a Bureau of Indian Affairs web address in the future.

The new web site provides a comprehensive overview of Tribal government, departments, services, businesses and tourist attractions. It also contains news and information, including back issues of the CRIT Tribal newspaper, the *Manataba Messenger*.

The site is primarily complete, but additional features and improvements will continue to be added over time. The site's features include:

- A listing of Tribal departments.
- Background on CRIT and its four tribes.
- Tribal Council meeting information and biographies of the CRIT Tribal Council.
- Information on Tribal businesses and opportunities for non-Tribal entities to do business with the Tribes.
- Opportunities for Tribal members and non-Tribal members to provide input and ask questions about the site and its contents.

"This is a key step for CRIT in not only

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# News, information from your Tribal Government

Chairman Daniel Eddy Jr.  
Vice Chairman Russell Welsh  
Tribal Council: Sylvia "Cindy" Homer (Secretary),  
Eldred Enas (Treasurer), Dennis Patch,  
Ray Aspa, Sr., Herman "TJ" Laffoon,  
Valerie Welsh-Tahbo, Fernando "Bo" Flores

## Web site provides another tool for CRIT members

The CRIT Tribal Government is proud of the success of the re-launched *Manataba Messenger* and the positive reception it has received from members.

The paper has been a great way for Tribal members to keep in touch with what's going on both in government and in the community.

And in that spirit, CRIT is now launching its official Tribal web site. It is located at [www.critonline.com](http://www.critonline.com), and will also have a Bureau of Indian Affairs address in the future.

The web site is designed to do many of the same things the *Messenger* does. Its goal is to provide members with news and information on the everyday happenings of CRIT and its members.

However, the web site also provides new opportunities. It creates a way for Tribal members to connect with individual departments and access key Tribal services.

It serves as a tool for outsiders who want to do business with CRIT, and for tourists who want to visit some of our attractions.

And it provides a tool for CRIT to educate both its members and newcomers to the reservation about our history, culture and heritage.

The new Tribal web site is part of the Tribal Council's goal to improve communications with members. We encourage you to visit it, utilize it...and most of all, enjoy it.

## End of the rainbow finally near on the La Paz Lands?

It's no secret that navigating the chambers of power in Washington, D.C. is a tricky and unpredictable process.

However, thanks to the hard work of many CRIT members and supporters, CRIT may now be nearing the end of the rainbow concerning the return of the La Paz Lands.

Taken from our people decades ago, the La Paz Lands have long been the subject of lobbying efforts on the federal level. From the late Senator Barry Goldwater to current Congressmen Raul Grijalva and Rick Renzi many friends of CRIT have worked to correct this injustice. We would also like to thank *The Arizona Republic* for their support as well.

We just might be closer than ever to our goal. Votes in the House of Representatives and the Senate may be near, and if passed, all that would be left would be the signature of President Bush.

Tribal officials are cautiously optimistic. Again, the political process is unpredictable, but the show of support from Arizona's congressional delegation and the hard work of many friends of CRIT show signs of paying off.

## Crackdown on drugs yields arrests



*These items are just some of the drug paraphernalia that has been confiscated by the CRIT Police Department in recent raids to stop drug use and trafficking on the reservation.*

### Search warrants net results; efforts will continue to reduce drug use

Since the CRIT Tribal Council reaffirmed their commitment to fighting drugs on the reservation by passing a zero-tolerance policy late last year, the CRIT Police Department has made a number of arrests and confiscated thousands of dollars worth of illegal drugs and paraphernalia.

CRIT Police's Tribal Drug Unit has performed about a half-dozen search warrants related to drug activity. The department has made 12 arrests directly related to drug trafficking or drug use.

During a two-day period in mid-February, the Tribal Drug Unit served three warrants and found illegal activity at all three locations.

"We're sending a message right now, and it seems like area residents are aware of the zero-

tolerance policy and know we're serious about it," said Lieutenant Jeff Gilbert of the CRIT Police Department.

Gilbert said the department also found unregistered weapons, which are "just as important as finding the drugs."

CRIT Police will soon have another weapon — a new drug canine, which the department is in the process of getting right now.

Gilbert said that many of the tips that have led to arrests have come from concerned members of the community.

"We're very appreciative for those kind of tips," he said.

Gilbert said the goal of the CRIT Police Department's Tribal Drug Unit is to help make sure the overall problem of drugs is addressed on the reservation.

"It's not just a criminal problem, but a social problem that we have to address," he said.

## CRIT purchases Kofa Inn to boost capacity

### Will provide more rooms for tourists when BlueWater Resort is full

CRIT's Tribal Chairman and Tribal Council recently announced that CRIT has purchased the Kofa Inn in Parker.

The inn will be managed and owned by CRIT's Big River Development Enterprise, which is a 100 percent-owned Tribal venture.

The motel, which was built in 1963, has 53 guest rooms and is located on Tribal lands. It is located at 1700 S. California Avenue in Parker. A long-term lease had been in place with the previous ownership.

A major reason for the purchase was to provide overflow rooms for when the BlueWater Resort & Casino is sold out during busy times and special events.

"We believe that in addition to being a good purchase and a viable business enterprise, it will be helpful because it will provide additional availability for casino customers during times when the resort is at capacity," said Tribal Chairman Daniel Eddy, Jr.

"This purchase will help continue to expand our tourism presence and provide even more jobs for CRIT members."

The Big River Development Enterprise was previously successful in purchasing the master lease in the Big River development on the California side of the reservation several years ago. It manages all aspects of the Big River development, including boat storage, a motel, a water company and subleases on the property.

For more information on the Big River Development Enterprise, call (760) 665-2194.

# Photo Contest enjoys large number of entries



## Submit now, win money in June

The April *Manataba Messenger* Photo Contest enjoyed the largest number of entries yet, and Tami Anderson is the winner with her photo of her daughter Amaya Simone (above). She will receive \$100 for her entry.

Second prize went to Michael Breazzeal for his photo of Rayes Robledo, Kee Kebetony and Becky Kebetony at Magic Mountain during a Frontline Ministries youth trip. (top right). He wins \$50. Third prize went to Megan Marie Miller for her photo of her niece Sierra Miller (second down from top right). She will receive \$25.

Honorable mention goes to (from bottom left to bottom right): Darci Ludington for her picture of a lamb at her grandmother's house; Diana DeLeon for her picture of Terressa Gonzales and daughter Jazmine visiting the Grand Canyon; and Wendalyn Lomayesva for her shot of son Francisco Perez getting a cake on Easter.

The photo contest will take place in every issue! The next issue will come out around June 1st. The deadline for submissions for the photo contest is May 15. You must be a tribal member to be eligible.

To enter, just send your picture to the following address and e-mail: *Manataba Messenger*, C/O Rose & Allyn Public Relations, 7051 E. 5th Avenue Suite B, Scottsdale, AZ 85251. Or just e-mail the entry to [critnews@aol.com](mailto:critnews@aol.com).





# Manataba Messenger Interviews...John McCain

Senator John McCain has been an advocate in Congress for the return of the La Paz Lands to CRIT. Arizona's senior senator took time recently to answer questions for the *Manataba Messenger*.

**Q: You have now served in Congress for 23 years — what are some of the major highlights during your tenure?**

A: On a personal side, these highlights included working with Senator Barry Goldwater, Congressman Morris Udall, and President Reagan; remarkable and inspired Americans. Some of the legislative highlights within the area of Indian Affairs in the past 23 years have included work on tribal self-governance, Indian self-determination, Indian economic development, as well as Indian gaming, and the Indian environmental protection programs.

**Q: What committees do you serve on?**

A: I am Chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. I also serve on the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the Senate Armed Services Committee. On Armed Services, I chair the Subcommittee on Airland, which has jurisdiction over army and air

force operations, bases, and appropriations.

**Q: In the time you have served, is there one particular moment or piece of legislation that stands out as your proudest accomplishment?**

A: Enactment of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act, which I championed, and which addressed the appearance of corruption among federal officials by taking large amounts of unregulated contributions out of the campaign finance system was one of my longest legislative battles, and one with long odds at the outset. In the area of Indian Affairs, the Tribal Self-Governance Act of 1994 stands out. The Act dramatically expanded the power of Indian tribes to downsize the Federal-Indian bureaucracy and to obtain funds directly from the Department of Interior and the Indian Health Service to set their own priorities and run their own programs.

**Q: What do you see as the biggest issue Native Americans face in relation to the federal government?**

A: Adequate funding of Indian programs is an ongoing issue. A recent Harvard study showed that Indians are making economic and social improvements at rates that far exceed the general population, but that there are still huge disparities with Indians having substantially higher rates of poverty, unemployment, substandard housing, lack of education, and infant mortality.

The study concludes that the reason for the improvements is self-governance and self-determination, and I agree. Only by continuing

to adequately fund and promote these efforts will the gaps that exist between the welfare of Native Americans and others, be closed.

Other issues include improving the process of tribal recognition, what to do about off-reservation gaming and the backlash that I'm concerned it could create against Indian gaming generally, and of course determining if there is a legislative settlement to the Cobell litigation.

**Q: How has Arizona's Native American population affected the way you approach your time in the Senate?**

A: The Native American population in Arizona has changed my priorities and how I have spent my time and efforts in Congress. The Committees that we choose to serve on in many ways determines what issues we are most involved in. Were it not for the Native American population in Arizona, I may not have served on the Indian Affairs Committee and had the opportunity to work on many of the bills I mentioned earlier. It has been a privilege to be able to do this.

**Q: If a tribal member would like to contact you, what should they do?**

A: The easiest is at [www.McCain.Senate.gov](http://www.McCain.Senate.gov), the web site has all my contact information. Here in Arizona sending a letter to the Phoenix office is one of the best ways to contact me. You can also send an e-mail via the Internet.

Phoenix office: 5353 North 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 105, Phoenix, AZ 85016. Phone: (602) 952-2410 Fax: (602) 952-8702.



Senator John McCain

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# Fire season heating up around CRIT

## Two blazes already on CRIT land; Fire Department offers tips for residents

Two fires on CRIT reservation lands could be the first signs of a potentially dangerous fire season, due in large part to a rainy winter.

The first happened in the Parker area in early April, as 220 acres of dry grass and shrub quickly ignited and became the Eddy Fire.

The Eddy Fire and several small fires occurring in the area during the early part of April were reportedly human-caused. Initial attack on the fires was provided by firefighters from CRIT, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Rural/Metro Yuma, and the Parker and Buckskin Mountain fire departments.

A larger fire called the Bosque Fire took place from April 8 through 11, and started on CRIT lands near Ehrenberg.

The fire burned 4,100 acres along the Colorado River, but was contained fairly quickly.

Frequent rains spaced throughout the winter have provided continuous fuels for wildfires, and when coupled by recent high winds, warmer temperatures and low humidity, the wildfires are

### CRIT Enrollment Department

This is the Semi-Annual Certification of the CRIT membership rolls. If you have any questions, please contact the Tribal Enrollment Department.

**Resolution No. 13-05**

A resolution for the Semi-Annual Certification of the Current Membership Roll of the Colorado River Indian Tribes.

Be it resolved by the Tribal Council of the Colorado River Indian Tribes, in special meeting assembled on January 31, 2005.

WHEREAS ,the Colorado River Indian Tribes is a federally recognized Tribe, duly organized with a Tribal Governing body, known as the Tribal Council, according to the provisions in the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article II, Section 1.a. of the Constitution and Article VI, Section 3, of the Government Code 83-04 of the Colorado River Indian Tribes, a current membership roll has been prepared by Tribal officials; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Colorado River Indian Tribes Constitution and Bylaws, Article II and Government Code, Section 1-202 (B) the Tribal Council is required to semi-annually certify the current membership roll; and

WHEREAS, the names of all persons who are deceased and all persons who have relinquished, in writing, their membership in the Colorado River Indian Tribes, or any other Tribe, shall be noted on the roll and the names of persons whose applications for enrollment have been approved by the Tribal Council shall be added to the Current Membership Roll;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code 83-04, the Enrollment Committee has made its decision with respect to the recommended semi-annual certification of the current membership roll, Tribal Council has reviewed said decision and all pertinent material;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council hereby certifies the Semi-Annual current membership roll to include the above certified membership roll supplements;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Tribal Chairman and Secretary, or their designated representatives, are authorized to execute any documents necessary to implement this action.

The foregoing resolution was on January 31, 2005 duly approved by a vote of 7 for, 0 against and 0 abstaining, by the Tribal Council of the Colorado River Indian Tribes, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Section 1.a., Article II of the Constitution and By laws of the Tribes, ratified by the Tribes on March 1, 1975 and approved by the Secretary

of the Interior on May 29, 1975, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934, (46 Stat. 984). This resolution is effective as of the date of its adoption.

**New Applicants, Article II, Section 1.b. R-165-04, dated September 3, 2004**

Cylus Miller Alvarado, Alyssa Marie Aspa, Ollie Mae Booth, Alexandria Brittany Burns, Cody Earl Cabler, Rosalyn Anna Carlyle, Camille Bo Carrillo, Cheyenne Gloria Carrillo, Marasol Bermejo Caseres, Estevan Francisco Cuadras, Allen Leon Drennan, Alexis Marie Esquerra, Anesah Marie Esquerra, Kalee Alexis Esquerra, Bryce Tyler Fisher, Joshua Trey Fisher, Kailan Sean Harper, Francisco Ryan Howard, William Tyler Howard, Cassandra Lillian Huff, Devin Joseph Logan, Joseph Raymond Logan, Jr., Samson James Lomayesva, Natalie Marie Messer, Ryan Lee Messer, Alyzet Mackenzie Miller, Mattias Justus Perez, Taya Stephan Perez, Tevin Joe Perez, Jonathan Kaide Pintor, Delilah Rose Powsey, Lauren Elizabeth Regentik, Marcus Anthony Scott, Stacia Colleen Scott, Seneca Kahmayah Tahbo, Victoria Hilda Fisher Vasquez, Armando Ray Villegas, David Wayne Welsh

**New Applicants, Article II, Section 1.b. R-246-04, dated November 3, 2004**

Delonae Menray Booth, Benjamin Martino Chiappara, Jamie Able Deharo, Seneca Nizhoni Enas, Ricco Arizona Holt, Jessica Allyn Hunter, Conor Raven Kinale, Gabriel Isaac Levias, Angelo Osiris Martin, Joslin Marysue Martin, Evan Alec Mata, Quegwu Su-Na-Ami Moreno-Elder, Noah Shade Patch, Misti Brianne Poolaw, Ryan Vincent Warner, Shaun Taylyn Welch, Sydney Taye Welch

**Relinquishments**

Renita Clarice Freeman, R-187-04, dated September 3, 2004; Tiffany Frances Fisher, R-188-04, dated September 3, 2004; Frederick Dean Knox, II, R-189-04, dated September 3, 2004; Billie Jean Stillman Pettis, R-190-04, dated September 3, 2004; Angela Rose Vest, R-191-04, dated September 3, 2004; Jason Duane Vest, R-192-04, dated September 3, 2004; Jacqueline Renee Knox, R-243-04, dated November 3, 2004; Charles Joseph Fisher, R-244-04, dated November 3, 2004

**Deceased**

David Reyes, July 4, 2004; Winona Winifred Scott, July 12, 2004; Naomi Tahbo, August 5, 2004; Bertha Martinez, August 9, 2004; Ruben Penunuri, August 11, 2004; Modene Short, August 24, 2004; George Theodore Laird, September 6, 2004; Cynthia Lynn Robertson Covarrubias, September 11, 2004; Victoria Goodman Heredia, September 18, 2004; Lola Patch Carpenter, October 3, 2004; Roderick McCormick, November 13, 2004; Elvis Dean Nopah, Sr., November 18, 2004; Alice McCabe, November 19, 2004; Barbara Sharp, December 17, 2004.

likely to continue throughout the Southwest.

### Fire Prevention Tips

- The CRIT Fire Department provides the following tips for residents looking to protect their homes.
- The goal is to create a “defensible space” around the home to prevent the spread of wildfires. Residents are also encouraged to schedule an inspection or get more information on fire safety by calling (928) 662-4388.
- Clear all dead brush, tall grasses and weeds from around the house, outbuildings, and recreational vehicles. Leave only plants and trees.
  - Remove leaf clutter from roofs and gutters.
  - Remove “ladder fuels” — prune tree limbs so the lowest is 6-10 feet from the ground, so that fires can’t jump into trees.
  - Be careful when disposing of smoking materials, and be cautious in using open flame.
  - Trim all dead limbs over a garage, and trim tree limbs with in 10 feet of chimneys, vents, etc.
  - Check smoke detectors in homes to make sure they are working and the batteries are fresh.

# CRIT BRIEFS

## News from around the Colorado River Indian Tribes Reservation

### CRIT Library selected by national organization as EqualAccess partner

The CRIT Library has joined the Libraries for the Future organization as an EqualAccess library partner. Libraries for the Future is a national organization that champions the role of libraries in American life and works to strengthen individual libraries.

As a partner the CRIT Library will create an after-school technology-based program for teenagers and preteens that will foster literacy and communication skills.

Activities will promote positive youth development in meeting community needs for constructive after school environments. For more information, please contact the library at (928) 669-1332.

### Library provides grace period

April 10-16th is “National Library Week,” and to help celebrate this event the CRIT Library is having a grace period for the whole month. Patrons who have not yet returned library books because of large fines may do so for the whole month.

This is a great opportunity to take your name off the suspended list with no questions asked. This includes audio books, DVD’s and videos. If you have any questions, please contact the staff at (928) 669-9211, ext. 1331 or 1332.

### Tribal student recognized for Jump Rope For Heart contributions

Carrigan McCowan, a student at Blake Primary School, was one of the top fundraisers during the American Heart Association’s Jump Rope For Heart contest.

As a reward for her hard work, Carrigan will be recognized at the Phoenix Suns basketball game on April 15. Carrigan raised \$500 in contributions for the organization. She would like to thank all those who helped her by contributing to this worthwhile cause.

### Living will/durable power of attorney information available from Center

The Parker Indian Health Center Social Services Department utilizes a booklet called “Five Wishes” (© Aging With Dignity) to help people make preparations for if they are faced with a debilitating injury or illness.

The booklet addresses who will make decisions for you if you cannot, the types of treatment you desire, comfort and treatment directives, and what you want your loved ones to know. It is available along with videotapes.

For more information, call the Social Services Department at (928) 669-3375 or call (888) 594-7437 to order the materials from the company.

# Announcements

**Tribal Birthdays:**  
**MARCH**  
 Todd Abendroth  
 Ryan Martin  
 Quentin Yazzie  
**APRIL**  
 Dennis Martin  
 Dorita Holmes  
 Mike Drennan  
 Melissa Drennan  
**MAY**  
 Arcelia Drennan  
 Mario Drennan  
 Anisa Patch

Happy 16th Birthday (May 16) to Kendra Robledo (Kuda Bears)!!!! Love you much!! — Auntie Hilary and Jr. Also, Happy Birthday to my Aunty Bonita “Abby” Fernandez (May 18)!! — Hilary Laffoon



Ron Charles and his wife Lillian celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary on March 10.

The *Manataba Messenger* welcomes submissions for anniversaries, wedding announcements, obituaries, graduations and other events. For contact information, see Page 8 of this issue.

# SPEAK OUT

## What’s on Tribal Members’ minds...

Speak Out will be a regular feature in the *Manataba Messenger*, featuring responses and feedback from Tribal members.

**Arlinda Setoyant**  
 On what CRIT is doing well



“I just came from the Injury Prevention Booth (at the La Paz County Fair) and they told me if I needed to get a car seat to go ahead and to just come on by and they’d work with me to get new car seats for my kids and I thought that was really good because child safety is something that we really need here because anything can happen to kids when you’re in an accident. I thought that was a really good point for me to come here [to the fair] and for them to offer that.”

**Mick Maya**  
 On living in Parker



“The thing I like about living in Parker is the cool weather and the fact that I can go swimming anytime I want. And, it’s a small town and I wouldn’t want to live in a big town with a lot of people.”

**Rayeann Solano**  
 On what she’d like to see CRIT bring to the area



“I think Target would be an awesome store considering this area is a middle class, working class area. We could afford and enjoy it rather than just the small dollar stores, places we could go for school clothes and things like that. Also, we could use a lot more things involving the children – the adults have the BlueWater casino – but we need other things to get them out, things besides 4H and FFA.”

**Jessica Cruz**  
 On living in Parker



“The thing I like least about Parker is there’s nothing here...we’ve got to drive 40 minutes for a Wal-Mart – and there’s nothing to do. No stores to shop in, and the ones that are here are expensive.”

# CRIT Honor Roll Students

## Le Pera School

Nikayla Martin (5th Grade)  
 Jordan Robledo (6th Grade)  
 Jeffrey Stewart (6th Grade)  
 Tyler Eddy (6th Grade)  
 Braxton Booth (7th Grade)  
 Joshua Moore (8th Grade)

## Le Pera: Principal’s Honor Roll

Jamil Gary (5th Grade)  
 Billy Escoto (5th Grade)  
 Mikah Harper (6th Grade)  
 Haily Heanes (6th Grade)  
 Skyler Alcaida (6th Grade)  
 Allyx Harper (8th Grade)  
 Maryam Gary (8th Grade)

## Le Pera: Perfect Attendance

Skyler Alcaida  
 Alieen Ameelyenah  
 Braxton Booth  
 Cameron Booth  
 Mariqua Booth  
 Yvette Brenner  
 Marshea Drennan  
 Shelby Drennan  
 Billy Escoto  
 Iliana Escoto  
 Domingo Esquerra  
 Han avaa Esquerra  
 Lorena Flores  
 Jamil Gary  
 Allyx Harper  
 Mikah Harper  
 Haily Heanes  
 Kyle Humpeutewa

Sylvia Lewis  
 Jeramee Logan  
 Daine Mahkewa  
 Lanise Mark  
 Jessica Moore  
 Joshua Moore  
 Andrea Scott  
 Laine Scott  
 Dorinda Short  
 Jeffrey Stewart  
 Destinee Swick  
 Erin Thompson  
 Marcus Tuchawena  
 Shelby Welch  
 Sterling Welch  
 Robin Wilson  
 Elena Zeyouma

## Parker High School (1st Term)

Kateri Gilchrist  
 Tristin Harper  
 Jacqueline Leivas  
 Jaymee Moore  
 Terrance Moses  
 Evander Page  
 Loren Page  
 Cameron Russell  
 WiliMik Yazzie

## Parker High: Principal’s Honor Roll (1st Term)

Lynnis Gonzales  
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 Staci Mitchell  
 Tahnee Sharpe  
 Frank Stillman

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## Fair a hit with families

The CRIT-La Paz County Fair was held from March 10-13 this year at Manataba Park.

The four-day event included fair classics such as carnival rides and live entertainment, as well as livestock shows and other events.

Thanks to the great weather and great events, attendance was particularly high this year.

The fair included many different carnival rides and attractions, providing a perfect way for families to spend their days.

The fair also included information booths that provided visitors with an opportunity to learn about many different programs and initiatives.

(Bottom two photos) The fair also included the 37th Annual Livestock Show, which featured young people from around the area showing livestock of all kinds. The groups included several different local 4H Clubs.



# CRIT analyzing reservation alternative to Blythe location

Along with a site in Blythe, CRIT is also examining a location on tribal land and along the Colorado River for a possible new resort and casino. The location is on the California side of the reservation. The site is several miles north of Blythe along Highway 95, and is in a similar setting as BlueWater Resort & Casino. Environmental studies are currently being done.

Class II gaming (limited slots and paper gaming) could occur there without a compact with the State of California. For a Class III permit and similar games as are at the BlueWater, a compact with the State of California would be necessary. An agreement with the City of Blythe would not.

The tribal site is being analyzed as a possible alternative to the Blythe location, or if negotiations do not progress further with Blythe leaders.

## BLYTHE,

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in the coming weeks. If passed, negotiations will then need to take place with the State of California regarding a gaming compact before further progress can be rmade and before the project could move forward.

# WEB SITE,

From Page 1

communicating with our own members, but communicating with outsiders as well,” said Tribal Chairman Daniel Eddy, Jr. “We want this web site to be an invaluable resource for our people and make it easier for them to access important Tribal services and information. And we also encourage those from outside the reservation to use the site as a resource for tourism and business opportunities.”

# LANDS,

From Page 1

Senate, and hope that final votes may be taken in the near future.

If passed by the House and Senate, the bill would be sent to President George W. Bush for his signature, and if signed, would then become law, finally returning the La Paz Lands to CRIT.

“We’re getting closer and closer to our eventual goal of having the La Paz Lands returned to our people,” said Tribal Chairman Daniel Eddy, Jr.

“Thanks to the support of our congressional delegation, including Congressman Grijalva and Senator Kyl, and thanks to the efforts of our council members who travelled to Washington, the finish line is within site.”

Further updates on the status of the La Paz Lands will be made available on CRIT’s new Tribal web site, [www.critonline.com](http://www.critonline.com).

*(Above) Council members Welsh-Tahbo, Aspa and Homer with Congressman Grijalva. (Right) Welsh-Tahbo and Aspa with U.S. Senator Jon Kyl.*



## We Want To Hear From You!

The *Manataba Messenger* is a publication of the Colorado River Indian Tribes. If you have an idea, question, suggestion, letter to the editor or anything else you’d like to see in the *Manataba Messenger*, call or write us...

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